

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims below by deleting items marked with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or brackets (i.e., [patent]) and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

1. (Original) A pet mastication article comprising:

a micro-porous body;

an enriching agent impregnated into said body.
2. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said body comprises a raw bone.
3. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said body comprises a synthetic bone manufactured from a material selected from the group consisting of plastic and rubber.
4. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary vitamin.
5. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary mineral.
6. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said enriching agent is an anti-microbial agent for combating microbial agents that cause illness and disease.

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7. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said enriching agent is a flavor enhancer.

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Please add the following new claims as indicated:

15. (New) A pet mastication article comprising:
- a micro-porous body;
- said body having a plurality of pores with diameters of between three microns and ten microns; and
- an enriching agent impregnated into said body.
16. (New) The article of Claim 15, wherein said body comprises a raw bone.
17. (New) The article of Claim 15, wherein said body comprises a synthetic bone manufactured from
- a material selected from the group consisting of plastic and rubber.
18. (New) The article of Claim 15, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary vitamin.
19. (New) The article of Claim 15, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary mineral.
20. (New) The article of Claim 15, wherein said enriching agent is an anti-microbial agent for
- combating microbial agents that cause illness and disease.
21. (New) The article of Claim 15, wherein said enriching agent is a flavor enhancer.

22. (New) A pet mastication article comprising:
- a micro-porous body;
- said body having a plurality of pores with diameters of between three microns and ten microns; and
- an enriching agent impregnated into said body, wherein said impregnation is accomplished via vacuum impregnation.
23. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said body comprises a raw bone.
24. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said body comprises a synthetic bone manufactured from a material selected from the group consisting of plastic and rubber.
25. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary vitamin.
26. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary mineral.
27. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said enriching agent is an anti-microbial agent for combating microbial agents that cause illness and disease.
28. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said enriching agent is a flavor enhancer.